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Maroon Netters Win City Championship

MBA Commencement Program Set For Monday, June 4th

Commencement exercises will begin at 10 a. m. June 4, with ceremonies to be held out of doors on the campus, according to an announcement made by Headmaster R. L. Sager this week.

The Seniors for 1945 are: Nelson Andrews, Clay Bailey, Sonny Baker, Thomas Benaugh, Harry Cantrell, Brownlee Curry, Jr., James Curry, Robert Doster, Billy Ferguson, Gene Harris, Jr., Buddy Hewitt, Edwin Lewis, Bobby Matthews, Ernest Matthews, Larry Owsley, Tom Proctor, Jr., Charles Robinson, Travis Smith, Joe Talbot, Robert Whitsett, Al Whitson, Robert Zanon.

Many interesting events will precede the commencement exercises, beginning with the annual Junior-Senior Prom to be held on Friday, June 1. The Prom will be held in the gymnasium, which will be decorated by a student committee under the supervision of the Women's Auxiliary. Music for the dance will be supplied by Francis Craig's Orchestra. Each member of the Junior and Senior Class is privileged to invite two outside guests, and the entire student body is invited to attend.

On the following night, Saturday, June 2, a banquet will be given in honor of the Seniors, with the Seniors escorting dates.

Senior's photographs will be made by Cain-Sloan Company. A composite picture will be made for the Honor Room and individual prints will be available for each Senior. Senior rings have been ordered through Jensen-Jack and may be obtained in either gold or silver.

A number of changes have been made in commencement procedure by Mr. Sager, including a variety of scholastic awards. Prizes of merit and high scholarship will be given in Senior Latin, Algebra, Geometry, Senior Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, French and Senior Spanish. In addition, awards will be given in each class to the boy with the highest average, and three awards will be given in the high forms for public speaking, two for Declaiming and one for Debating.

In the first and second form Mrs. Warren will award a prize to the student having the highest average in the Seventh and Eighth grades, and also prizes will be given in History 7 and History 8, as well as Declaiming.

The Graduation exercises will be further marked with added program features. This year five student speakers will appear on the program instead of the usual three. The additional feature will be Valetorian Nelson Andrews and Salutatorian Ernest Matthews. Other speakers will be the winners of the elimination contest held in May under the supervision of Mrs. Campbell. These winners, recently announced, are: Don Wade of the Grade Department, Billy Edwards of the Freshman-Sophomore group, and Tom Proctor of the Junior-Senior Classes.

Highlighting the exercises will be the presentation of the Howard Allen Cup to the "best all-around boy" in the Grade School, to be followed by a similar award in the High School division.

This High School award is considered highest of honor in upper classes.

The climax, of course, will be the presentation of the new type diplomas by Mr. Sager. Another year will be finished—and in behalf of the faculty and the student body the Bell Ringer wishes the best of luck and the greatest success to all the graduating seniors in whatever they may undertake after leaving M. B. A.

Annual Junior-Senior Picnic Successful

The annual Junior-Senior picnic which is given by the juniors in honor of the seniors was held at Warner Park. The juniors supplied all; namely, food, drink, and entertainment. Immediately after the last period, the entire junior and senior classes went to Edwin Warner Park, where the event began with a softball game. As soon as the food was ready, the baseball game was promptly deserted. The seniors, on the other hand, as is the custom, but there was plenty left for the juniors, who had provided well for the large appetites of their guests and for their own. After eating, most of the boys sat about in the shade chatting until all were aroused by the cry, "Tackle the man with the ball." The seniors challenged the juniors, and the game that followed was rough enough for anyone. About fifty of the boys began bawling, and by six everyone had left. The events of the day are still being relived. Evidently, everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Many Improvements Highlight Past Year

As we leave school this summer it is hard to believe we are leaving behind the same school that we entered early in September. There have been so many improvements in the buildings and around the grounds that it seems that M. B. A. is a new school.

In the buildings, all the walls were painted, new fluorescent lights put in, mottos on the walls, a rail has been added along the lunchroom counter, and new doors to the buildings have replaced the old doors.

The grounds were improved by new brick walks and terraces, a new drive, and the trees being pruned.

The old tennis courts were torn down and new rubico courts have been built in their place, while the old vacant football practice field has been converted into a new baseball diamond.

We wish to thank the Board of Trustees for their fine work.

Singers, Speakers, and Comedians Among Entertainers on Assembly Programs at Montgomery Bell This Year

By Jesse Ford, Jr.

This school year has heralded some assembly programs which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed them. The morning chapel programs were conducted alternately during the week by Professors Sager, Younger, and Cornelius. Professor Rule presented a series of talks on vocations and how to choose them. Especially outstanding was the fine talk he gave on the newspaper business.

The program Misses Sarah Southerland, Sarah Willet, and Irene Younger put on in December was enjoyed to the fullest by all the students here at M. B. A. Irene played three beautiful piano solos and the Sarahs led us in the Air Corps Song. The Air Corps Song got perhaps more than its due share of appreciation, but after three solid months of the Little Brown Church in the Dale anything would have come as a relief.

The Reverends William E. Phifer and Woodward Adams gave very entertaining talks. Rev. Phifer gave us a fine moral lesson by telling the story of Moses. His

The Seniors Present Views On The Faculty

In the Senior Class, there has been a great deal of discussion, both pro and con, about the teachers at the Academy, and the consensus of opinion is as follows:

Mrs. Ritzer works her students harder than any other member of the faculty, and grades tougher, but she really does know her stuff, and she puts her points over excellently. She has an excellent sense of humor, and rarely loses her temper.

Mrs. Peery also works her students hard, and does not often smile. However, she does have a good sense of humor, but it does not appear as often as it might. She holds the best order in the school, both in her classes and her study hall.

Mrs. Campbell is very friendly with the boys although she does a lot of grunting and grumping, most of it in a good-humored way. The library is in a better state of repair, thanks to her, and she has turned out some very talented public speakers.

Mr. Cornelius is a perfect example of the "scholarly gentleman." He is the most learned person on the faculty, we think, and seems to know a good deal about everything. His teaching methods, although a trifle old-fashioned, usually accomplish his results.

Mr. Rule is the most popular man on the campus with the students. He tries to do more for the students, and has a finger in more extra-curricular activities than any other teacher, and is perhaps the most versatile member of the faculty.

Mr. Herrbach, although a trifle nervous and temperamental, takes his work very seriously. He has not become quite used to American methods of teaching yet, and some of his ideas may seem a little strange to us Americans, but he is fast learning.

Mr. Hackman is an excellent teacher with all the students, and at the same time conducts his science classes in a most efficient manner. He is very good at coaching sports, and lends his talents a great deal in that direction.

Mr. Younger, who is an ardent supporter of the Academy in all sporting events and a very active man in the interests of the school, has many interesting ideas which he injects into his history, classes, and which usually pan out to be

talk was freely besprinkled with a dry wit which kept his audience in a continuous spasm of laughter. Rev. Adams' talk explained to us that a preacher's life, like any one else's, is not a bed of roses. His expurgatory lesson was far from being entirely void of humor.

Miss Thelma Jean Graham came to M. B. A. this year and presented a ventriloquist act the like of which has never before been seen at this academy. To say it was wonderful would be a gross understatement. We saw her dummy Andrew seemingly come to life before our very eyes. Andrew described army life in a most ludicrous manner.

Professor Rule presented to us a program of songs this year. In his fine tenor voice he sang *The Reverend Trust* and *Let Us Love*. After the clamorous applause had reached its height and the cry of "Encore!" shook the very building, he held up hands for silence and sang *I'll Forget You* in such a grand manner that it brought tears to the eyes of all present. Credits to Professor Rule for a fine performance!

Kendall Cram Trophy Won By Large Margin Over Opponents

Students Choose New School Flag

This year many new improvements have been made around the school. Recently a new American flag was bought with money contributed by the boys, and was placed on the platform in the study hall. Because of the repeated urgings of the boys Mr. Sager had Royal McCullough draw four flags and had the boys choose their favorite. The flag chosen had a maroon background with a circle of blue, surrounded by a thin line of white, in the center. On the blue background are three white stars and one the maroon are the monogrammed letters of M. B. A. Several pennants with the same design are being made to be sold to the boys who wish to buy them. Mr. Sager hopes to erect a flag pole which will fly the American flag and also the colors of the school beneath it.

The Roving Reporter

Question: What do you think of the Senior Class?

Mr. Younger: "So far as capability is concerned this is a good class, but they are not using all their capabilities along the intellectual line."

Mr. Hackman: "A fine group of boys; most of them have a great deal of ability and will meet with success, but some few will find the road very steep and rough if they do not take things more seriously than they do now."

Mr. Rule: "As a whole, a little better than most of the senior classes I have seen. Some of the boys are very capable."

Mr. Sager: "Way above average, as far as scholastics are concerned."

good ones. He is a trifle narrow-minded sometimes, but in a good-natured way.

Mr. Sager, we feel, should be highly commended for an excellent job. Although he has instated many new ideas in the Academy and at first we did not feel kindly towards him, we now look upon him as a regular fellow and a swell guy.

Captain James G. Stahlman

entertained us by showing the moving pictures he made on his recent mission serving the government. He explained the pictures as they were flashed upon the screen and made a very interesting talk on each one. Almost every one agreed that in the best scenes occurred in the pictures from India in which a fight between a cobra and a mongoose was shown. Thank you, Captain Stahlman, for the best moving picture of the year.

Perhaps the most interesting talk ever to be made at M. B. A. was made this year by Mr. Commodore Fisher, who has just recently returned from Iran where he spent twenty-four years serving as a teacher. He not only gave a very interesting talk on the customs and the progress of the Iranians, but also brought us a very important message. He told us that we Americans must not forget the other countries of this world and that it is our duty as citizens of the world to aid the less fortunate peoples around us in every way we can.

Climaxing one of the most successful tennis seasons since the days of Joe Davis and Johnny Hyden, the Montgomery Bell net team blasted their way to a clean sweep of the City Interscholastic Tennis Tournament which ended Friday.

The maroon netters won the team championship by the largest margin in the history of the event as they ran up 45½ points to 25½ for West, their nearest rival.

In addition to the team championship, both the singles and doubles crowns were won by the maroon Aces as Billy Ferguson swept through all opposition for the singles crown and then teamed with John Bell Keeble to win the doubles.

All the maroon entries made a creditable showing as each man won his first round to get the locals off to a flying start. The six men entered in the tournament were: Billy Ferguson, John Bell Keeble, Dan Denney, Bill Calton, Harry Corson and Brownlee Curry, Jr. Ferguson, Keeble and Denney all won their way to the semi-finals, where Perry disposed of Denney. Keeble upset second-seeded Jennings Davis in the quarters and then brushed Daniels of West by to meet Perry in an all-MBA final.

In winning this event the maroon club won the first undisputed athletic title that the school has won in several years and added to their Mid-South laurels where Coach Rule's racket swingers were barely edged for the championship.

Plans For MBA Summer School

This summer, there will be inaugurated at Montgomery Bell the first summer school in its history. It is to start June 11, and run through July 20, around six weeks. Classes will meet six days out of the week, probably from 9 to 12. However, since it will be cooler, it is possible that they meet as early as 8 o'clock.

A student may take as many as three subjects. He may make up a maximum of one and one-half credits or a minimum of one-half credit.

For each course of the six-week period, a pupil may make a half a credit, since the summer term actually covers the work of one semester of regular school. The summer school shall be run on a college basis in that when a student has a vacant period, he is not required to report to any teacher or stay on the school grounds.

Any boy in Nashville or its vicinity is invited to enroll. All applicants should enroll as soon as possible so that the schedule can be made out.

The faculty will be as follows: The office of principal shall be in the very capable hands of Professor Rule, who will also handle the math department. It has been through the efforts of the person that a summer school was formed. Mr. Cornelius is temporarily the head of the English department, with Mrs. Peery as head of languages. If, however, Mrs. Peery is unable to teach this summer, Professor Cornelius will handle the languages and an English instructor will be obtained.

There will be no classes in Science, since there is not ample time in the summer term to complete enough lab work to meet the requirements of the courses.

Since this is the first summer school, we can only speculate on the outcome. However, with Mr. Rule as principal we can hardly see how it can be anything but a great success.

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Editorials

This is the last issue of the BELL RINGER for this school year. This is the last time that you will grab an issue, quickly turn to the jokes, Hangovers, and sports and then perhaps read the news and editorials. This is the last time that we of the staff will sweat and strive to produce a darn good paper to make airplanes out of.

We have had a pretty good time working on the newspaper and I think that most of us have learned a lot. Our only hope is that you got as much pleasure out of the paper as we put in it.

Throughout the whole year there seemed to be a marked characteristic of every member of the staff. These traits I have catalogued and they are as follows:

Bob Doster's timidity when it came to getting information from Mr. Sager.

Joe Martin's all around good job of gold-bricking.
Bill Hibbett's never attending paper staff meetings.
Julian Scruggs' ability to slaughter a news story.

Edward McManus' knack at writing long-winded sports stories.

Charlie Robinson's griping about his "tremendous" duties.
Bob Lowe's ability to find printable jokes.

Vaden Lackey's hours of toil to produce a Junior Class news.

Herbert Fox's bleary eyes after spending a night of effort on the rag.

John Donnelly's excellence at writing sports stories.

David McQuiddy's gripes about "my stuff was changed."

Manning Kirby's gripes about "where's my stuff?"

Hal Jamison's conscientiousness about his work.

Tom Proctor's ace handling of the ad-getting.

Brownlee Curry's age-old excuse of "but I gave it to Fess Rule last week."

Ernest Matthews' punctuality at getting the material in on time.

Flash McCowan's feeble excuse about the lack of pictures.

H. E. Cantrell's originality and sparkle in his stories.

Boots Lewis' memorable "Loonie Hangovers".

Gene Harris' delight in getting at all his enemies through the gossip column.

Mr. Rule's excellent help at all times.

James Curry's anti-administration cartoons.

Larry Owalek's last-minute rush to find who won the debate in the literary societies.

Fain Hackney's glibberish which unflinchingly had to be written over.

John Warner's persistent early-morning queries on what the meeting was for today.

Bobby Brown's cutting up in the staff meetings.

Dan Denny's feeble attempts at talking a good article.

And (I am told to say) Andy Andrews' slave-driving tactics.

All these things have made up this year's paper staff. These things and the hard work of everybody concerned have been the Bell Ringer of M. B. A.

We of the staff who are graduating carry with us the hope that next year's staff will profit by our mistakes and will give M. B. A. and its students a paper to be proud of.

Bernard Werthan, Jr.

What has been the chief factor in the swift progress of the United States? Your answer could probably be summed up in one word—freedom; however, this is general and there are many things which make up freedom as we know it. The real thing behind our freedom is that of enterprise. This freedom makes initiative spring forth and each person tries to do something a little better than the next fellow. Therefore there is a large amount of progress in this form of state.

Why shouldn't there be a way at our school for a person to do a little better? Why shouldn't a boy have a way to improve his grades through extra credit? This would give a boy who is flunking a chance to bring his grades over the 75 mark, a boy who is barely passing a chance to get out of the danger zone, and a boy who is doing well to raise his grades even higher. This would certainly further the initiative of every boy in the school and could hardly hurt anyone. I sincerely believe that extra credit would make next year a very successful one at MBA.

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"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

by Ernest Matthews

M. B. A. Finishes Second in Mid-South Tennis Tournament

M. B. A.'s tennis team came within a hair's breadth of capturing the Mid-South Tennis Tournament held at Sewanee on May 4. The Maroon netters led all the way and went into the finals in the singles with Billy Ferguson battling Darlington's Alexander. At this point the M. B. A. lads held a 13-10 lead. "Fergie" took the first set 6-2, lost the second 4-6, and held a 5-2 edge with a 30-0 toward his sixth game. However, Alexander, ranked the number nine player in the south, came from behind to beat the M. B. A. flash 7-5. The final standings: Darlington, 17 points; M. B. A., 15 points; Baylor, 7; and McCallie, 7.

This summer Coach Allen will manage the Crescent Amusement Co.'s baseball team, which is entered in the "Larry Gilbert Junior League." He is expected to have a very good "team" having a number of outstanding prep players. From the present M. B. A. team he will have Buddy Hewitt, Jimmy Patterson, Bill Wade, and Hardy Lavender. The season opens June 5.

After many delays, caused by bad weather, the new tennis courts have been completed. There are five new rubber surfaced courts with new nets and new backstops. The new courts got their "initiation" during the Inter-scholastic League Tennis Tournament.

Coach Allen requests that all boys stay off the courts unless they have on tennis shoes.

M. B. A.'s Microbe baseball team, under the direction of Nick Holloran, is coming along nicely. They have won 3 and lost 1. The "Mike" hold wins over Overbrook and Woodmont. They have games scheduled with Woodmont, Cathedral, Du Pont, and West. The stars of the team seem to be Adams, McCallie, and Don Wade. The lineup: Carty, and Don Wade. The lineup: Chickie, B; Jarman, 2b; Berch, 2b; Miller, ss; Carl Gates lf; Don Wade, cf; Dickerson, rf; Adams c; and McCallie, p.

Not only will Coach Allen manage the Good News Weekly baseball team this summer, but also he will be physical instructor at Peabody College. He will teach a class in football and basketball, and will have charge of the intra-mural sports. Mr. Rule will probably be one of Coach's pupils and the "Coachman" says he's really going to be tough on him.

Nick Holloran, the Microbe coach, is planning to have a tennis tournament for the "Mike" as soon as he can use the courts. The tournament will probably last two days with a single set determining the winner on the first day and the best two out of three marking the second day's winners.

What happened to the horseshoe tournament?

Buddy Hewitt is currently leading the swatters of the Maroon "nine" with a .280 average.

With the publishing of this issue of the BELL RINGER, my career as a sports editor comes to a close. I want to thank Coach Allen, Mr. Hackman, Mr. Rule, and the many others that have helped make the sports section of this paper a success.

Bill Calton, guest writer for Maroon Highlights this issue, writes us the following, which I think most worthy:

M. B. A. may come and M. B. A. boys may go; some may even graduate, but in going they take with them memories that in later life they will cherish as remembrances of the "good old" days at Montgomery Bell in "45". They will always remember...

... the excited feeling just before the kickoff of a big game.

... the expecting of something new or tricky on the kickoff or first play.

... the way Whitson could head

SPORTS

THE BELL RINGER

Montgomery Bell Baseball Team Carded a Hot and Cold Combine As Season Nears End

EAST VS. M. B. A.

Contrary to all pre-season dope the M. B. A. Maroons battled the highly favored East Eagles on even terms for seven innings but failed to stand up under the pressure and were beaten 3 to 2 in their initial start.

The batteries were, for M. B. A., Wade and Lavender and for East, Pugh and King.

In M. B. A.'s half of the first inning the initial tally was scored by Andrews after the first four men had walked. Lavender then singled, scoring Patterson, but the Maroons were unable to drive the remaining three men in and the inning closed with the bases loaded.

The Eagles scored their first run in the fifth on a triple by Bushelman and an error.

The Eagles tallied again in the sixth, thus tying the score.

In the seventh neither team scored and the Maroons were retired in order in their half of the eighth. East then scored on a walk, a stolen base and a hit, and the ball game was over.

Bill Wade pitched a splendid ball game, allowing East only four hits.

M. B. A. left twenty-seven men on base, and this was what beat them.

LITTON VS. M. B. A.

The inexperienced M. B. A. Maroons opened their first home game with Isaac Litton in a battle royal.

Batteries for M. B. A. were Whiteaker and Lavender and the batteries for Litton were Adams and Barnett.

Litton started the barrage in the first inning with First Baseman Benny Shoemaker and Jimmy Garrett doing the slugging. M. B. A. retaliated with belting Buddy Hewitt knocking a long triple deep into left field, scoring Andrews. In the second inning Litton continued unmercifully as Bradley homered and Guber and Shoemaker smashed out doubles. Whiteaker tried desperately to bear down but the style of the big left-hander seemed to fit Litton perfectly.

Litton blasted out 17 runs in seven innings, which gave them the game.

toward pay-dirt, and the good judgment he used in signal-calling.

... the team spirit of Hewitt and the way he backed up that line.

... the record crowd at the Springfield game and the way the offense worked that night.

... the feeling around school for days after the heart-breaking game.

... the way Andrews went around left end in the All-Star game.

... the way "Fergie" could hit those long shots and his smooth ball-handling.

... the way Hewitt always gave his best.

... the leadership of Pete Robinson and his ability to score.

... the way "Fergie" could play tennis.

... the astounding remarks of Brownlee Curry.

... the way rumors would gain weight as they spread.

... the alibi's that are used to get out of Saturday school.

These things along with many others cannot be erased from the memories of the boys who have attended M. B. A. the past year.

In the recent Mid-South Tennis Tournament at Sewanee, the team played at a Hot that had paper-thin walls. That night when Harry Corson, the No. 4 man, called home, his Mother asked him if M. B. A. could win the tournament. Since he was talking long-distance he loudly replied, "Yes, I'm pretty sure we will!"

With this remark, a door across the hall opened and several Darlington boys shouted to some others in another room, "Come on, fellas, we better go home. We ain't got a chance. There M. B. A. boys have got the tournament cinched."



Billy Adams, Litton's famed fireball hurler, yielded eight runs. Shoemaker, Bradley and Jimmy Garrett led the attack for Litton, while Buddy Hewitt was the big gun for M. B. A.

Final score: Litton 17, M. B. A. 3.

DU PONT VS. M. B. A.

M. B. A. edged by a scrappy Du Pont nine by defeating them 3 to 2 on big Bob Whitson's home run. Bill Wade pitched for M. B. A., while Sonny Ferguson was the hurler for the Old Hickory lads.

Ferguson yielded one run and then bared down on the game Academy boys. Du Pont then went about the task of tearing down M. B. A.'s slim lead and in the last half of the inning the Bulldogs held a 2-1 margin over Coach Allen's boys. Ernest Matthews walked and a pinch hitter was sent in. Big Bob Whitson never took the bat off his shoulder but let the balls steam by. It looked like another case of "Case at the Bat," but he finally tore into the ball and smashed a deep home run over the right centerfield wall, scoring Matthews ahead of him. Bob certainly proved the wisdom in the old adage, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

RYAN VS. M. B. A.

The Ryan Panthers eked out a 3-2 victory over the M. B. A. Maroons in a hard-fought contest from start to finish at Centennial Park.

Ryan jumped off to a quick lead as they pushed across one run in the first inning. Whiteaker and Robinson scored to make the count, M. B. A. 2, Ryan 1, at the end of the fifth inning. In the sixth inning Ryan squeezed across two runs, to put the game on ice.

Joe Langdon allowed the Red and White tribe three hits and struck out twelve Redmen. Wade gave up six hits and fanned three Panthers.

DUNCAN VS. M. B. A.

The Duncan Longhorns pushed across a 7-4 victory over the M. B. A. Maroons at Centennial Park. The battery for Duncan was Green (W), Miller and Neiderhauser. Bill Wade pitched for M. B. A. and Hardy Lavender assumed the catching duties.

The Maroons set a tough pace for the Longhorns at the first, but a hard spurt on the part of the latter ended the game in their favor. Green visibly tired late in the game and Miller took his place on the mound to retire M. B. A.

Hardy Lavender was injured in the game and gave all his teammates some pretty bad moments. Needless to say there was much rejoicing in camp when his wounds were found to be but minor ones. Bill Wade made a fair showing

against the Duncan team, all of whom are experienced baseballers, and he is to be highly commended for going the route against such an aggregation.

T. I. S. VS. M. B. A.

The M. B. A. Maroons trounced the T. I. S. Browns at the T. I. S. field by a score of 6-4.

Bill Wade took over the pitching chores for M. B. A. and kept his hits well spaced. Although the Academy got only three hits, they all came at psychological moments. With the satchels stuffed, Joe Washington knocked a long one to put M. B. A. in first position. Eight T. I. S. errors did no harm to the boys in red. M. B. A., however, put up a whole of a battle for the "play ball" till the end of the ninth inning.

Robinson, playing heads-up ball the entire time, was leading actor for M. B. A. during the whole show.

WEST VS. M. B. A.

The West Informals pounded out a 5-1 victory over the M. B. A. Maroons on the M. B. A. diamond.

In the first inning Mason clouted a home run with Ronald Webb on base. Not to be outdone, Nelson smashed a beautiful home run for M. B. A.'s only single.

In the second inning the Blue Jay Informals pushed across three runs to make the score 5-1. From then on neither side was able to score.

The batteries for M. B. A. and West were respectively: Hewitt and Whiteaker; Adcock and Mason. Hewitt yielded six safeties and wiffed six batters. Adcock limited M. B. A. to a single hit and struck out seven men.

M. B. A. VS. CENTRAL

Hard luck seems to reside in the M. B. A. baseball camp.

The game between M. B. A. and Central was to be played at the Classification Center but due to some misunderstanding it had to be switched to Vanderbilt.

In the first half of the first inning Hewitt got a life on an error. He advanced to third and scored on a wild pitch.

Matthews singled to start the second inning. He then stole second and scored on Whiteaker's single to left field. Hewitt walked with Whiteaker advancing to second. Both Whiteaker and Hewitt scored on Robinson's double to left. The side was then retired.

Central pushed across two runs in their half of the fifth and repeated their performance in the sixth, tying the score.

Central cinched the game when Ferguson walked and then, with three successive errors, scored the winning run.

Ernest Matthews
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Tennis Team Slated To Win City Tourney

Spring is here and so is tennis. The netters are already playing on the new rubber courts which are now being completed. Coached by Mr. Rule and led by Billy Ferguson this year's team has already been picked to win the Inter-scholastic Tennis Tournament. This is based on their recent showing in the Mid-South Tournament at Sewanee. The team was ahead until the afternoon of the last day, when, having already played two matches, "Fergie" was forced to play a third, in which he was beaten by Alexander of Darlington for the singles crown, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. Afterwards, Alexander, the last year's champion teamed with Hicks to beat Ferguson and Keeble in the semi-finals of the doubles, 6-2, 6-2. After upsetting Walker of McCallie in his first round match, Keeble went on to win the B division crown. Denney was beaten by Alexander in his first round match and Corson was beaten in his quarter-finals match. In winning the tournament Darlington had a score of 17. M. B. A., the only team close to Darlington, had 15; Baylor had 7; McCallie had 7; Lipscomb, the early leader, had 5; S. M. A. had 4; C. M. A. had 2; and St. Andrew had 0.

M. B. A. is out to win the Kendall Cram Memorial Trophy, which was won by West High last year. The tournament will be held at the Centennial and M. B. A. courts. In the singles, Ferguson was seeded No. 1 and Jennings Davis of Lipscomb seeded No. 2. In the doubles, Ferguson and Keeble were seeded No. 1, with Davis and Netterville of Lipscomb No. 2. With the recent loss of Bobby Mason, the Lipscomb No. 2 man, M. B. A. is given an even better chance to win the trophy. M. B. A. will enter the following six boys in the tournament: Billy Ferguson, Dan Denney, John Bell Keeble, Harry Corson, Brownlee Curry and Bill Calton.

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This summer Coach Allen will manage the Crescent Amusement Co.'s baseball team, which is entered in the "Larry Gilbert Junior League." He is expected to have a very good "team" having a number of outstanding prep players. From the present M. B. A. team he will have Buddy Hewitt, Jimmy Patterson, Bill Wade, and Hardy Lavender. The season opens June 5.

After many delays, caused by bad weather, the new tennis courts have been completed. There are five new rubber surfaced courts with new nets and new backstops. The new courts got their "initiation" during the Inter-scholastic League Tennis Tournament.

Coach Allen requests that all boys stay off the courts unless they have on tennis shoes.

M. B. A.'s Microbe baseball team, under the direction of Nick Holloran, is coming along nicely. They have won 3 and lost 1. The "Mike" hold wins over Overbrook and Woodmont. They have games scheduled with Woodmont, Cathedral, Du Pont, and West. The stars of the team seem to be Adams, McCallie, and Don Wade. The lineup: Cart, and Don Wade. The lineup: Chickie, B; Jarman, 2b; Berch, 2b; Miller, ss; Carl Gates lf; Don Wade, cf; Dickerson, rf; Adams c; and McCallie, p.

Not only will Coach Allen manage the Good News Weekly baseball team this summer, but also he will be physical instructor at Peabody College. He will teach a class in football and basketball, and will have charge of the intra-mural sports. Mr. Rule will probably be one of Coach's pupils and the "Coachman" says he's really going to be tough on him.

Nick Holloran, the Microbe coach, is planning to have a tennis tournament for the "Mike" as soon as he can use the courts. The tournament will probably last two days with a single set determining the winner on the first day and the best two out of three marking the second day's winners.

What happened to the horseshoe tournament?

Buddy Hewitt is currently leading the swatters of the Maroon "nine" with a .280 average.

With the publishing of this issue of the BELL RINGER, my career as a sports editor comes to a close. I want to thank Coach Allen, Mr. Hackman, Mr. Rule, and the many others that have helped make the sports section of this paper a success.

Bill Calton, guest writer for Maroon Highlights this issue, writes us the following, which I think most worthy:

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... the excited feeling just before the kickoff of a big game.
... the expecting of something new or tricky on the kickoff or first play.
... the way Whitson could head

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THE BELL RINGER

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EAST VS. M. B. A.

Contrary to all pre-season dope the M. B. A. Maroons battled the highly favored East Eagles on even terms for seven innings but failed to stand up under the pressure and were beaten 3 to 2 in their initial start.

The batteries were, for M. B. A., Wade and Lavender and for East, Pugh and King.

In M. B. A.'s half of the first inning the initial tally was scored by Andrews after the first four men had walked. Lavender then singled, scoring Patterson, but the Maroons were unable to drive the remaining three men in and the inning closed with the bases loaded.

The Eagles scored their first run in the fifth on a triple by Bushelman and an error.

The Eagles tallied again in the sixth, thus tying the score.

In the seventh neither team scored and the Maroons were retired in order in their half of the eighth. East then scored on a walk, a stolen base and a hit, and the ball game was over.

Bill Wade pitched a splendid ball game, allowing East only four hits. M. B. A. left twenty-seven men on base, and this was what beat them.

LITTON VS. M. B. A.

The inexperienced M. B. A. Maroons opened their first home game with Isaac Litton in a battle royal. Batteries for M. B. A. were Whiteaker and Lavender and the batteries for Litton were Adams and Barnett.

Litton started the barrage in the first inning with First Baseman Benny Shoemaker and Jimmy Garrett doing the slugging. M. B. A. retaliated with belting Buddy Hewitt knocking a long triple deep into left field, scoring Andrews. In the second inning Litton continued unmercifully as Bradley homered and Guber and Shoemaker smashed out doubles. Whiteaker tried desperately to bear down but the style of the big left-hander seemed to fit Litton perfectly.

Litton blasted out 17 runs in seven innings, which gave them the game.

toward pay-dirt, and the good judgment he used in signal-calling.

... the team spirit of Hewitt and the way he backed up that line.

... the record crowd at the Springfield game and the way the offense worked that night.

... the feeling around school for days after the heart-breaking game.

... the way Andrews went around left end in the All-Star game.

... the way "Fergie" could hit those long shots and his smooth ball-handling.

... the way Hewitt always gave his best.

... the leadership of Pete Robinson and his ability to score.

... the way "Fergie" could play tennis.

... the astounding remarks of Brownlee Curry.

... the way rumors would gain weight as they spread.

... the alibi's that are used to get out of Saturday school.

These things along with many others cannot be erased from the memories of the boys who have attended M. B. A. the past year.

In the recent Mid-South Tennis Tournament at Sewanee, the team played at a Hot that had paper-thin walls. That night when Harry Corson, the No. 4 man, called home, his Mother asked him if M. B. A. could win the tournament. Since he was talking long-distance he loudly replied, "Yes, I'm pretty sure we will!"

With this remark, a door across the hall opened and several Darlington boys shouted to some others in another room, "Come on, fellas, we better go home. We ain't got a chance. There M. B. A. boys have got the tournament cinched."



Billy Adams, Litton's famed fireball hurler, yielded eight runs. Shoemaker, Bradley and Jimmy Garrett led the attack for Litton, while Buddy Hewitt was the big gun for M. B. A.

Final score: Litton 17, M. B. A. 3.

DU PONT VS. M. B. A.

M. B. A. edged by a scrappy Du Pont nine by defeating them 3 to 2 on big Bob Whitsett's home run. Bill Wade pitched for M. B. A., while Sonny Ferguson was the hurler for the Old Hickory lads.

Ferguson yielded one run and then bared down on the game Academy boys. Du Pont then went about the task of tearing down M. B. A.'s slim lead and in the last half of the inning the Bulldogs held a 2-1 margin over Coach Allen's boys. Ernest Matthews walked and a pinch hitter was sent in. Big Bob Whitsett never took the bat off his shoulder but let the balls steam by. It looked like another case of "Case at the Bat," but he finally tore into the ball and smashed a deep home run over the right centerfield wall, scoring Matthews ahead of him. Bob certainly proved the wisdom in the old adage, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

RYAN VS. M. B. A.

The Ryan Panthers eked out a 3-2 victory over the M. B. A. Maroons in a hard-fought contest from start to finish at Centennial Park.

Ryan jumped off to a quick lead as they pushed across one run in the first inning. Whiteaker and Robinson scored to make the count, M. B. A. 2, Ryan 1, at the end of the fifth inning. In the sixth inning Ryan squeezed across two runs, to put the game on ice.

Joe Langdon allowed the Red and White tribe three hits and struck out twelve Redmen. Wade gave up six hits and fanned three Panthers.

DUNCAN VS. M. B. A.

The Duncan Longhorns pushed across a 7-4 victory over the M. B. A. Maroons at Centennial Park. The battery for Duncan was Green (W), Miller and Neiderhauser. Bill Wade pitched for M. B. A. and Hardy Lavender assumed the catching duties.

The Maroons set a tough pace for the Longhorns at the first, but a hard spurt on the part of the latter ended the game in their favor. Green visibly tired late in the game and Miller took his place on the mound to retire M. B. A.

Hardy Lavender was injured in the game and gave all his teammates some pretty bad moments. Needless to say there was much rejoicing in camp when his wounds were found to be but minor ones. Bill Wade made a fair showing

against the Duncan team, all of whom are experienced baseballers, and he is to be highly commended for going the route against such an aggregation.

T. I. S. VS. M. B. A.

The M. B. A. Maroons trounced the T. I. S. Browns at the T. I. S. field by a score of 6-4.

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Robinson, playing heads-up ball the entire time, was leading actor for M. B. A. during the whole show.

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The West Informals pounded out a 5-1 victory over the M. B. A. Maroons on the M. B. A. diamond.

In the first inning Mason clouted a home run with Ronald Webb on base. Not to be outdone, Nelson smashed a beautiful home run for M. B. A.'s only bingle.

In the second inning the Blue Jay Informals pushed across three runs to make the score 5-1. From then on neither side was able to score.

The batteries for M. B. A. and West were respectively: Hewitt and Whiteaker; Adcock and Mason. Hewitt yielded six safeties and wiffed six batters. Adcock limited M. B. A. to a single hit and struck out seven men.

M. B. A. VS. CENTRAL

Hard luck seems to reside in the M. B. A. baseball camp.

The game between M. B. A. and Central was to be played at the Classification Center but due to some misunderstanding it had to be switched to Vanderbilt.

In the first half of the first inning Hewitt got a life on an error. He advanced to third and scored on a wild pitch.

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